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1. Berlin Area: It is reported that the following approximate numbers of Soviet tanks were located in the vicinity of Berlin on 11 April 1948:

Doberik.....600
Bornstedter Feld (near Potsdam).....600
Lurzin.....200
Wustermark.....200
Blankensee.....200
TOTAL.....1800

All these are medium tanks with ammunition trucks and are manned by Asiatic troops.

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2. Weimar: General Gorbachev has not come to Weimar to replace Kolesnichenko or Smirnov, but is attached to the SVA. A new city commandant has arrived in Weimar, but his name has not yet been announced. His predecessor is leaving for Baku.
3. The political branch of the Weimar City Komendatura is commanded by a Lt. Col. Kirilov. The transport branch of the SVA in Weimar is run by Lt. Col. Yerkin. According to the latter, only 30% of all vehicles in Thuringia are roadworthy, largely because of a shortage of tires.
4. A General Karpelup (or Karpeluk), living in the Tierfurter Allee where mostly MVD are billeted, is shortly returning from Weimar to Russia.
5. It is claimed that Field Marshal Von Paulus was present during the visit of Pieck and Sokolovsky to Weimar on 13-14 February 1948.

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